

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated November 24, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 24, 2004. Applicants request entry and consideration of the above noted amendments and the following remarks in response to the Office Action.

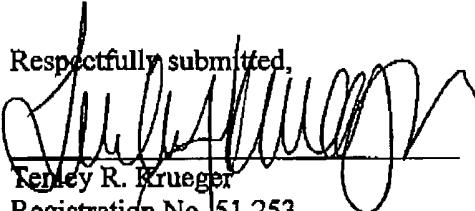
CLAIM RESTRICTION:

Claims 1-31 are pending in the application and stand restricted under 35 U.S.C. §121. Group 1, Claims 1-15 are elected for consideration by the Examiner, with traverse.

CLAIM REJECTIONS:

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 5-23 of copending Application No. 10/667,546. Applicants submit a terminal disclaimer herewith. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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